



Opticians Association of New Brunswick

OANB Member News

Council update

Save the date: Online AGM— April 23, 2023 more info. to come.

The Province submitted the names of two applicants for the vacant position of OANB second Public Member. Council expressed interest in a bilingual Fredericton lawyer, whose skills and experience would be serve OANB well. We'll keep you posted!

Council is working on a general Regulations review to ensure our Regulations are relevant, clear and up-to-date. This work is timely, as we help the Learning Design Consultant, Academic Development for the new NBCC Optical Program as they develop their curriculum for their Sept. 2023 launch.

In consultation with other Canadian Opticianry Regulators, NACOR and the Registrars of the other NB Healthcare Associations/Colleges, Council is working on amending the practical hour requirements for Apprentices, as all Optical Programs, no matter how differently they are delivered, must meet the strict competency requirements of Accreditation Canada.

This amendment and other lesser changes to the Regulations, mostly for the purpose of improved clarity, will be reviewed by our lawyer to ensure all revisions are legally correct. The amendments will then be sent to members as a Motion with a 14-day response period, before Council reviews responses and approves or rejects the motion. The final step is approval by the Minister of Health, and if approved in time, the changes can be ratified at the 2023 AGM.

Professional Development

OAC CONNECT 2023 - MARCH WEBCAST

Taking the Complication out of Compensation - Bob Alexander

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | 8-9 PM
1EG | OAC Members & Students: FREE

Join us to enhance your expertise and knowledge by learning how to recognize a compensated prescription and understand the rationale behind it. Discover how frame fitting procedures can influence compensation and gain insights into the visual problems that can arise from non-compensated spectacle lenses.

Register at: <https://opticians.ca/viewEvent.html?productId=8065>

Find great past webinars through the OAC APP: <https://web.ventila.io/oac-live-webcasts?eventid=701249>



Get together with fellow Opticians

Fredericton- Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Moncton (Trinity) - Thursday, May 25, 2023

5-6 pm: Networking time
6-9:30 pm: Big screen education!

Popcorn & other concessions provided.

OAC Members & Students: \$24.00+tax
Register at: <https://opticians.ca/viewEvent.html?productId=8054>
Credit value will be sent to members soon.

Promote OANB with Pride!
OANB Toques & Sweatshirts will be on sale, with prize draws held at both events!

OANB Heavy Blend Crewneck:
Black, S-XL: **\$30.00**

OANB Jacquard Cable Knit Cuff Toque
Black, one-size: **\$20.00**

Last call to Practicing Members: New OANB Photo IDs will be issued for the 2023-24 Renewal!!

Please submit your photo and faster preference to the OANB office as specified by Mar. 30, 2023:

I have been trying to break up with an optician. It is really hard!

Every time I tell her I can't see her any more, she moves an inch closer, and says, "How about now?"

If there is a real problem, it is everyone's duty to fix it.

A client or member may make a complaint to the Registrar regarding the conduct or actions of a member. A complaint must be in writing and include: the complainant's name and address, the name of the registrant, their business name, address and telephone number. The complaint should include the time, date and a detailed account of the incident(s), with any supporting documentation and the names of any potential witnesses.

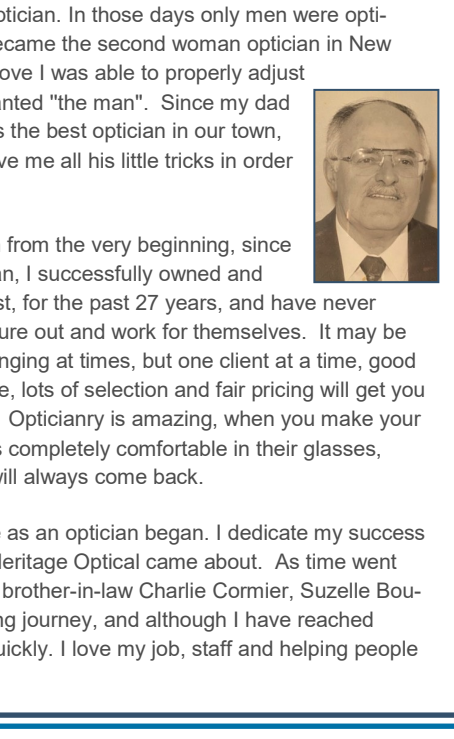
- Complainants may go or be directed to the OANB Website > About Us > Complaints
- To learn more see the NB Opticians Act > Complaint and Discipline Proceedings

MEET A MEMBER Darlene Cormier

"When I was growing up, I dreamed of being my dad's secretary one day. I never imagined being an optician. In those days only men were opticians, but lo and behold, I became the second woman optician in New Brunswick. I really had to prove I was able to properly adjust glasses as clients always wanted "the man". Since my dad Frank Richard was known as the best optician in our town, I relied on his expertise to give me all his little tricks in order to prove myself as good.

I was lucky to be involved with our association from the very beginning, since its formation. After I became a licensed optician, I successfully owned and operated my store, Heritage Optical in Bathurst, for the past 27 years, and have looked back. I encourage all opticians to venture out and work for themselves. It may be challenging at times, but one client at a time, good service, lots of selection and fair pricing will get you there. Opticianry is amazing, when you make your clients completely comfortable in their glasses, they will always come back.

I have had many twists and turns since my life as an optician began. I dedicate my success mainly to my dad, who was the main reason Heritage Optical came about. As time went on, I worked with my sister Patsy Richard, my brother-in-law Charlie Cormier, Suzelle Boudreau and Céline Duguay. It's been an amazing journey, and although I have reached retirement age, I don't seem to be letting go quickly. I love my job, staff and helping people with eyewear is self-rewarding."



NBCC
New Blended Delivery
Opticianry Program in NB!!

Starting September 2023 at NBCC Moncton
See: <https://nbcc.ca/programs/courses/program-detailsbaseCurriculumId=432b2120-f91d-404c-96e7-044e3990f792>

NACOR
EXAM SCHEDULE
Next exams:
June 3 - 4, 2023 & November 4 - 5, 2023

NAIT
Would someone you know like to become an Optician?
Learn about the NAIT Online Optical Program (theory & on-the-job clinical)
<http://bit.ly/OpticalSciences>
Next intake start dates: August 28, 2022 & Jan. 3, 2024

NACOR EXAMINATION PREP RESOURCES!

Free On-Demand via the OAC APP, including: recorded NACOR Examination Prep sessions (Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses - Pathology, Contact Lenses - Case Studies/Troubleshooting), sample questions, video tutorials and more! To access: <https://www.opticians.ca/site/studentresources?nav=sidebar>

Employment Opportunities

Optix part by Dr. Savoie

Optix by Dr Savoie, Campbellton is looking for a **full time optician or student optician** to join our team. Great team atmosphere. please send me an email at: ffsavoie13@hotmail.com

Off the Wall Eyewear Emporium

is an independent, super busy, and very cool eyewear shop.

We're looking for **Part-time Dispensing Opticians** to join our Saint John and Moncton store teams.

Do you have an undying love to stay up-to-date with all things eyes and a strong need to help wonderful people with their vision care? If you said "YES", you are our perfect Optician and we sooo... want you!

Send us an email and let's chat: onyourfaceeyewear@gmail.com

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Vogue Optical is currently seeking a
Managing Optician, Shediac
Optician/contact lens fitter Bathurst

Must be bilingual. • Must be a licensed optician. • Have the ability to work in a team to ensure the overall success of the store. • Must have the ability to organize, set priorities, solve problems and work under limited supervision. • Excellent benefits offered with a competitive starting salary

Permanent full-time positions
Interested candidates can apply by fax: (902) 626-3610 or email: bmacdonald@vogueoptical.com

Walmart Vision Centre
Regent Mall, Fredericton

is looking for a **Dual Licensed Optician**

If interested contact:
District Manager, Nichole Haley
(506) 292-4265
nichole.haley@walmart.com

we're hiring **IRIS**

(Full/Part) time position
Competitive wages, based on experience
Benefit program including health, dental, LTD, RSP with employer contribution, EAP program
Sales bonus program, Periodic incentive program
Free eyeglasses annually, Family & Friends discount, store discount, referral bonus, paid vacation time off and personal days. Provincial Opticianry licensing fees and Liability insurance reimbursed.

IRIS The Visual Group is looking for a bilingual Optician in Dalhousie

What you need?
Current NB Optician license
Ability to communicate in both French and English
Willingness to deliver excellent patient-care
Be able to troubleshoot and support patients
Contribute to team goals and positive environment
Complete necessary administration
Like what you see? Click the link to apply:
<https://bit.ly/3VRFzG6>